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DR. JAMES E. ACKERT, parasitologist at Kansas State Agricultural College Experiment Station, has resumed his work at Manhattan, after spending four months in hookworm investigations in Trinidad as a member of the expedition of the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation.

DR. N. J. VAVILOV, professor of farm crops in the Petrograd Agricultural College and director of the bureau of applied botany and plant breeding is now in the United States on leave of absence to study methods followed in his field of work by American colleges and universities.

J. W. RICHARDS, professor of metallurgy at Lehigh University, died suddenly on October 12, at the age of fifty-seven years.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

A BEQUEST of \$200,000 to Harvard University, the income to be devoted to the investigation of the origin and cure of cancer, is contained in the will of the late Hiram F. Mills, the hydraulic engineer of Hingham, Mass. After numerous public and private bequests, including \$10,000 each to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the residue of the estate is to be used to establish a fund for charitable purposes among mill workers in Lawrence and Lowell.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that the foundations have been laid for the new University of Jerusalem, to which the Jewish physicians in the United States are giving \$1,000,000 to build the medical college, of which the inside will be furnished in accord with American standards, with white tiled operating rooms, while the exterior will conform to the general plan of the university. Dr. Albert Einstein will be dean of the university, and an American surgeon, assisted by an American staff, will be at the head of the medical department. Patrick Geddes, professor of botany of the University of Edinburgh, has drawn up the plans for the building, which will be open to students from all countries.

DR. LAURENCE J. EARLY has been appointed associate professor in bacteriology, and Dr. Percy Lawrence DeNoyelles assistant professor in pathology at the Albany Medical College.

DR. LESTER S. HILL, of the University of Montana, has been appointed associate professor of mathematics in the University of Maine.

G. ROSS ROBERTSON has completed his graduate study at the University of Chicago and has been appointed instructor in the Southern Branch of the University of California, at Los Angeles. While in Chicago Mr. Robertson also assisted Dr. Stieglitz in his Public Health Service work, as junior chemist.

MR. C. A. GUNNS, formerly zoological technician with the late Professor Sedgwick, of Cambridge University and the Imperial College of Science, London, and for the past five years in the same position with Professor McBride of the latter institution, has become zoological technician in the Department of Zoology, Kansas State Agricultural College.

DR. DAVID HEPBURN, professor of anatomy and dean of the medical faculty, University College, Cardiff, has been appointed dean of the faculty of medicine in the University of Wales.

PROFESSOR O. NÄGELI has succeeded Professor Eichhorst in the chair of clinical medicine at Zürich.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE AN IDEAL HOST

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: The following observation on the symbiotic relation between a large hammerhead shark and a shark sucker (Ramora) seems worthy of record. On July 5, 1911, a hammerhead shark ten feet two inches long and two feet seven inches across the head was taken in the Bureau of Fisheries trap in Buzzards Bay at Woods Hole, Mass. The shark was towed by the tail to the stone shark pool at the Fisheries wharf. After this strenuous trip from the trap my curiosity was aroused at seeing a small ramora about sixteen inches long clinging to the side of the shark. So far as I could discover no one had seen the ramora either in